

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-661-C - ORDER NO. 92-198
MARCH 23, 1992

IN RE: United Telephone Company of the)	
Carolinas - Request for Approval)	ORDER
of Revisions to its General)	APPROVING
Subscriber Services Tariff (Tariff)	TARIFF
No. 91-207).)	

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on United Telephone Company of the Carolinas' (United's or the Company's) request for approval of revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff No. 91-207. Specifically, United seeks to introduce Simplified Message Desk Interface (SMDI) as a new service offering.

By letter dated November 12, 1991, the Commission's Executive Director instructed United to publish a Notice of Filing one time in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of United's tariff filing and the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. United submitted affidavits of publication stating it had complied with this instruction.

The Commission received a Petition to Intervene on behalf of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. Subsequently, the Consumer Advocate and United reached an agreement. According to the terms of this agreement, United agreed to install a software package in its SMDI-equipped central offices in order to block the calling number from being transmitted or delivered by the SMDI software to the voice messaging provider's equipment; the Consumer Advocate agreed to withdraw its intervention in the tariff filing. Consequently, the Consumer Advocate has withdrawn its intervention in this docket.

According to United's request, SMDI is a feature that provides an integrated automated interface between its central offices and customer-provided message systems. United states that initially its major customer for this feature will be its Message Line voice mail system. United anticipates that hospitals, colleges, and manufacturing firms could be potential subscribers to SMDI.


The Commission has reviewed United's request for approval of revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff No. 91-207. The Commission notes that the tariff revised pursuant to conditions of a stipulation between United and the Consumer Advocate does, now, in fact state that SMDI will not deliver calling party numbers to the Enhanced Service Provider's (in this case Message Service Provider's) equipment. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate's request to withdraw its intervention in this proceeding is granted.

The Commission finds that SMDI will provide a useful service to United's telephone users and that the service offering should be and is hereby approved. This docket is hereby closed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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